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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12 and 14-18 are the pending claims in the present patent application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.